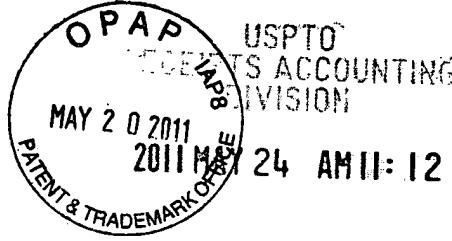




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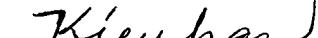
Patent Expiration

The date the six (6) month "grace period" ends becomes the expiration date of the above-identified patent if the required amount for paying the maintenance fee is not filed in the USPTO by that date. See 37 CFR 1.362(g). Expired patents may be reinstated if a petition as set forth in 37 CFR 1.378 is granted. If the above-identified patent has expired and reason number 5 or 6 above is the only reason indicated for payment non-acceptance, it is possible that the payment may be accepted if resubmitted with a petition as set forth in 37 CFR 1.377, rather than 37 CFR 1.378.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, contact the Office of Finance, Maintenance Fee Branch at (571) 272-6500. Please ask for the individual who has signed below.

 Kieu Tran (571) 272-6322

Printed Name of USPTO Representative

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Signature of USPTO Representative

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Re: 377 Petition -- Patent Number 6,059,140

Please accept this letter as a petition to revive a patent that you recently informed us has expired. In a phone conversation with April, I was advised to send a letter of explanation & proof that we sent in our last two maintenance payments. We just recently were informed that this patent expired when we made the 11 year patent maintenance fee payment in March of 2011. Apparently, our previous payment made in 2007 was not received by USPTO. As requested, please see below for details surrounding the payments on this patent.

- A check in the amount of \$2,055 was mailed on 3/29/2011 for the 11 year maintenance fee. It was check#90953. The check was mailed to USPTO in Pittsburgh, PA. It was returned to us for address change. We forwarded the check to the new address in VA. This payment was received by the USPTO office in a timely manner.
- We received a notice on April 20, 2011 that the payment was not accepted because the patent had expired on 5/9/2008. I immediately called the patent office and discussed the problem with Kieu Tran. In our discussion, she stated that USPTO did not show receiving the payment that we mailed in 2007. At that time, I faxed over all relevant data to Kieu Tran. Upon speaking with her on May 13, 2011, she informed me that I would have to contact the office of petitions.
- The 7 year maintenance fee payment was paid by check in the amount of \$1,180. The check was mailed out on 10/10/2007. It was check #81940. The check was mailed to USPTO, Po Box 371611, Pittsburgh, PA 15250. A copy of the stub that I kept in my file is attached.
- We never received a notice that the patent had expired and obviously in fact believed that this patent was still in force. Upon speaking with Kieu Tran, I checked into why we would not have received an expiration notice, and found that the original patent attorneys Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman out of North Carolina were still listed as the contact for this patent. They were the attorneys for our competitor. We were awarded rights to this patent in the settlement of a lawsuit. If a notice was sent to them, they never bothered to re-forward it to us. I verified with all staff involved here on our end, and can assure you that we did not receive any notice of the expiration of this patent. If we had, we would have taken prompt action!

I can assure you that we would never have knowingly let this patent expire. We made payments in 2004, 2007, and this last one in 2011. We did not know that the payment was not received in 2007. Additionally, we did not receive an expiration notice. Had we received a notice of expiration, we would have acted upon it promptly. Upon receiving our 11 year payment back and finding out that the patent had expired, we immediately got to work to find out what happened as well as how to revive the patent promptly.

This item that we have patented is an extremely important product for our business. We are in a highly competitive industry and this product is one of the leaders within our industry. It is imperative that this patent remain in force. We are willing to pay any fees associated with reviving the patent. From what I understand, you will need us to resubmit the 7½yr payment that you did not receive at the current rate of \$1,240, the 11½yr payment of \$2,055 as well as a \$700 surcharge since it has expired. If there are any other fees, just let us know and we will submit all payments promptly!

It is quite clear based on the information supplied above that the patent should be revived due to unavoidable circumstances. The unavoidable circumstances are two fold. First, we made the patent maintenance fee payments in plenty of time in both 2007 and again in 2011. Second, we never received an expiration notice so that we could quickly see why the patent had been slated for expiration. Had we received a notice, we would have researched the 2007 payment much earlier to see that it had not been applied and would have had the opportunity to resubmit another payment immediately if necessary. Included are the separate checks for the 2007 (7½yr) payment of \$1,240, the 2011 (11½yr) payment of \$2,055 that had been refunded to us by USPTO, and a check for the \$700 surcharge fee. Additionally, I will need to know what I need to do to change the correspondence address to ensure that we receive all communication in the future. Please feel free to contact me at (254)899-7169. Your consideration into this matter is greatly appreciated.

Best Regards,
Renae Ward, Corporate Vice President
Custom Printing II Ltd
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